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SUBJECT: GENSCHER'S SPEECH EMPHASISES NEED FOR PROGRESS IN  
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PLAN

1. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WAS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER  
AT A CONVENTION OF INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS IN DUESSELDORF ON  
MAY 14. HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS SPEECH IN WHICH HE STRONGLY  
RESTATED FRG SUPPORT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (EC) FOLLOW:

2. GENSCHER DESCRIBED THE EC AS ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR EACH  
OF MEMBER STATES; IT WOULD BE AN ILLUSION THAT ANY  
OF THEM COULD SURVIVE SEPARATELY IN FREEDOM AND  
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INDEPENDENCE IN A WORLD OF CONTINENTAL POWERS SUCH AS

THE US, USSR, CHINA AND SUCH BLOCKS AS OPEC AND THIRD WORLD. THIS APPLIES TO ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL COOPERATION.

3. THE PRESENT CONDITION OF EUROPE IS CAUSE FOR DEEP CONCERN. THE BEST THAT CAN BE SAID IS THAT IT HAS SURVIVED THE RECENT CRISES OF RECESSION AND INFLATION WITHOUT FALLING BACK INTO THE PROTECTIONISM OF THE THIRTIES. SOME SMALL POSITIVE POINTS WERE THE BRITISH REFERENDUM CONFIRMING BRITISH MEMBERSHIP, JOINT ACTION TO ASSIST MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH EXTREME BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES, THE LOME AGREEMENT, AGREEMENTS WITH ISRAEL AND THE MAGREB STATES, THE INITIATION OF THE DIALOGUE WITH THE THIRD WORLD, AND SOLIDARITY AT THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE AND VIS-A-VIS THE PROBLEM OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. HOWEVER THE ECONOMIES OF THE NINE HAVE HAD WIDELY VARYING RATES OF GROWTH AS WELL AS INFLATION WHICH HAVE IMPEDED THE PROGRESS OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE NINE COORDINATE THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES TO ACHIEVE STABILITY AND GROWTH.

5. IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO REVITALIZE THE EUROPEAN IDEA; DIRECT ELECTION OF A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THAT DIRECTION AND THE FRG WILL ACCEPT ANY REASONABLE COMPROMISE LEADING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF DIRECT ELECTIONS BY 1978 AS SCHEDULED. A EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MUST NOT ONLY INSURE MATERIAL WELL-BEING BUT ALSO A POLITICAL ORDER WHICH GUARANTEES FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION AND IS DEDICATED TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. THE FRG CAN THEREFORE NOT BE INDIFFERENT TO ANY PARTICIPATION BY COMMUNIST IN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. THIS WOULD NOT ONLY CREATE DIFFICULTIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES BUT ALSO WITHIN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. HE QUOTED GISCARD D'ESTAING AS SAYING THAT THE ATTEMPT OF SOME NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTIES TO APPEAR INDEPENDENT OF MOSCOW IS NOTHING BUT ELECTION TACTICS. THE EC CANNOT ACCEPT THE IDEA OF A EUROPEAN POPULAR FRONT.

6. EC MUST MAINTAIN THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEMOCRACIES  
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OF NORTH AMERICA, WITHOUT WHICH THEY COULD NOT HOPE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST SOVIET MILITARY MIGHT. BUT EUROPE MUST STAND BESIDE THE US AS A PARTNER WHO IS EQUALLY WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICES AND DEVOTE ALL NECESSARY RESOURCES TO ITS DEFENSE.DUX

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